Effectiveness of Nulcear Regulator

790. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINSITER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmen't attention has been drawn to the article titled "Is our nuclear regulator effective" published in "Observer" dated the 9th December 1999; and

(b) if so, the Government's response to the 21 pending nuclear issues referred in the last para of the article?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The twenty one issues referred to in the article may be categorised as hardware related issues needing replacement of components, ageing related issues, confidence building exercise requiring analytical studies and upgradation requirements. Eleven of these issues pertain to nuclear power stations. None of the twenty one issues warrant restrictive actions on any nuclear installation.

Four of the safety issues which include installation of training simulator at Kaiga Generating Station, installation of ROD Worth Minimizer at Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS), improving core cooling reliability at DHRUVA and updating of off-site emergency plans in Nuclear Power Plants are nearing completion.

Implementation of the action plans related to all issues is being continuously monitored by Government.

India's Nuclear Programme

791. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan's Nuclear Plan depends on foreign aid and India's nuclear programmes are indigenous;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would disclose the identity of those countries whcih assist the Pakistan in this regard and how much